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1. ZAIRIAN DAILY SALONGO AND OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY AZAP CARRIED INTERVIEW OF PRESIDENT MOBUTU WITH AZAP DELEGUE GENERAL. MOBUTU DESCRIBED SUMMIT AS "MOST SORRY" CONFERENCE HE'S ATTENDED IN ELEVEN YEARS. TRAGEDY OF SUMMIT WAS DIVISION OF AFRICA INTO TWO CAMPS BY USSR. REGARDING WELL-PUBLICIZED SPAT BETWEEN MOBUTU AND PM OF GUINEA, MOBUTU CLAIMED IT WAS HIS DUTY TO PUT GUINEA IN ITS PROPER PLACE, BUT DENIED DESIRE TO ENGAGE IN POLEMICS. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION CONCERNING PUTATIVE MANEUVERS OF GIZENGA WHO NOW IN EUROPE, MOBUTU DESCRIBED THE FORMERLUMUMBIST PROTEGE AS "A BAD-SMELLING CADAVER

WHOM EVERYONE HAS BURIED EXCEPT THE RUSSIANS." HEARDLY ANYONE IN
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IN ZAIRE EVEN RECALLS THE NAME OF THIS RUSSIAN LACKEY. GIZENGA IS

NOTHING MORE THAN BLACKMAIL TOOL USED BY RUSSIANS AGAINST ZAIRE
AT MOMENT OF RUSSO-CUBAN INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA. THESE WHO MAKE
TROUBLE FOR ZAIRE, MOBUTU CONCLUDES, WILL DIG THEIR OWN GRAVES.
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